
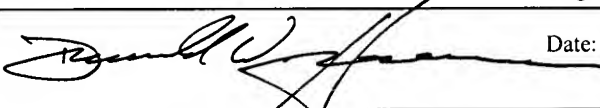


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: January 28, 2005
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. PATENT NO. (if known) <b>10/520281</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: <b>PCT/JP04/11214</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: <b>July 29, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: <b>October 8, 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>VEHICLE IMPACT ATTENUATOR</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Sei YAMASAKI and Takamasa NAKAJIMA</b>		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<b>ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. ASSIGNEE(s) NAME(s) AND ADDRESS <u>NKC CO., LTD., Osaka-shi, Japan, OSAKA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT,</u>  <u>Osaka-shi, Japan and HIRAOKA &amp; CO., LTD., Shimodate-shi, Japan.</u>  <b>Please publish the assignee data with the application.</b> </li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>17 Sheets of Drawings.</b></li> </ol>		

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